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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 June 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-24, and 26-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-24 and 26-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/S5108)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

The amendment received on June 5, 2009 is acknowledged and entered. Claims 1, 7, 12, 15, 17, 22, 24, 27, and 32-33 have been amended. Claims 2 and 25 have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Claims 1, 3-24, and 26-34 are currently pending.

Response to Amendment and Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed June 5, 2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to Applicant's argument that in regards to claims 1, 15, 22, and 24, the Applicant maintains that Adam, Hertzal-Szabadi, Christianitytoday.com, Eliot, and Wakelam, either individually or in combination, don't disclose, teach, suggest any desire, necessity or, importance for using both the past growth rate and the potential growth rate to estimate future growth rate, the Examiner asserts that Rifaat discloses the type of project, whether it is for a house, a school, or a hospital impacts the complexity of activities and effort required to complete the project. Such projects may cover a whole range of complexity. Larger projects of the same type are usually more complex and require more effort to complete ([0023]). Rifaat further discloses expansion of the span of time covered by a study is next considered. The collection of historical data, and their analysis, can be extended backward to cover past conditions starting from the time of initial inceptions of human settlement in the area of study, or even to earlier pristine conditions. This usually provides 'insights' that could be 'used'

in conceiving schemes for future development. Also, the planning horizon may be extended forward in time beyond 20 years. Although prediction tends to be 'more tenuous' for 'longer' periods of time in the future, the exercise of projecting prevailing trends can be used to 'highlight' potential 'problems'. For example one could project population growth for the next 50 years at a certain prevailing rate, although the rate is not expected to continue that long. This is often done in order to illustrate the potential 'adverse' conditions that might materialize if the particular rate of growth continued ([0050]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Adams et al. to include the ability of projecting a potential growth rate by studying growth before implementing a future development.

Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the specification of the instant application uses both "is should be complete" in paragraph [0087]). Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

[0087] In the illustrated example, the screenshot 900 includes a campaign identification portion 902, which identifies the various phases of the construction, the year of the fund-raising campaign for each phase, and ***the year when each phase is should be complete***. The screenshot 900 also includes a debt service portion 904, which identifies the costs needed for the construction phases, the expected donations that the church may receive, and the amount of borrowing and debt that the church may expect to pay for each construction phase.

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1, 15, 22, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

While the instant application discloses "the output device 106 may, for example, include a video display, a printer, a disk drive, a plotter, a speaker, or other suitable output device. The data storage device 112 may, for example, include a CD, DVD, hard drive, or other data storage and retrieval device [0025]", the Examiner is unable to locate in the specification "wherein the processor is configured to output the results of the previous steps onto a computer readable medium".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

The claim rejections under 35 USC 101 have been withdrawn due to Applicant's amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1, 5, 8, 13-16, 18, 20-22, 24, 26-28 and 30-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adams et al. (US 6,154,730), in view of Christianitytoday.com, in further view of Hertzal-Szabadi (US PG Pub. 2003/0233267), still in further view of Churchgrowthsoftware.com, still in further view of Rifaat (US PG Pub. 2002/0147623).

As per claims 1, 8, 13-16, 18, 20-21, 28, and 30-31, Adams et al. disclose a method, comprising:

a memory operable to store information identifying a plurality of facilities in a complex, each facility associated with a construction project (col. 1, lines 41-44; col. 3, lines 38-57); and

a processor configured to perform the steps of:

determining a potential revenue associated with at least one of the facilities (abstract; col. 1, lines 46-51);

determining a cost associated with at least one of the facilities (col. 1, lines 46-51); and

wherein the processor is configured to output the results of the previous steps onto a computer readable medium (col. 4, lines 32-47).

Adams et al. does not expressly disclose wherein the complex comprises a church and at least one of the facilities comprises an auditorium of the church; and wherein determining, the potential revenue comprises: estimating future growth in a number of people attending church services at the church; and

Christianitytoday.com discloses a new sanctuary should seat twice the number of people in your current building (Page 1) {Which the Examiner interprets as estimating growth will be at least twice the number of current people attending church services} ; a formula used to compute the size of a church complex; and spreading the calculations throughout the sanctuary, meeting rooms, nurseries, and educational space of your church complex (page 2); and form a committee to decide how much money can be raised for the building project and bring those recommendations to the finance committee, which then can put together a financial package that takes into account current and projected debt levels, income from fundraising efforts and loan packages, and makes its own recommendation about the church's financial limitations (Page 4).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have recognized that the results would be predictable when modifying the invention of Adams et al. to include the features of Christianitytoday.com in order to give reasonable and reliable construction financing quotes based on forecasted receipts from the growth trend study and giving analysis.

Adams et al., in view of Christianitytoday.com does not explicitly disclose generating a schedule of the construction projects using the identified potential revenue and the identified cost. Hertzelszabadi discloses that the project structure with phases

(work breakdown structure elements) and the necessary activities (tasks) have to be defined and costs and potential revenues have to be calculated, timelines to be scheduled and probably personnel and other resources soft-booked, in order to be able to do reasonable and reliable quotations that can be fulfilled in case they are accepted by the customer (paragraph [0003]); and the planning of structures, costs, revenues, resources, timeliness etc. can and will normally be refined and detailed during the life cycle of the project 105 (paragraph [0028]). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have recognized that the results would be predictable when modifying the invention of Adams et al. to include the features of Hertz-Szabadi in order to give reasonable and reliable construction financing quotes based on forecasted receipts from the growth trend study and giving analysis.

Adams et al. in view of christianitytoday.com, and further in view of Hertz-Szabadi does not explicitly disclose estimating an amount of donations given to the church during a future time period wherein the estimated amount of donations is based at least in part on the estimated future growth in the number of people attending the church services.

Churchgrowthsoftware.com. discloses software for calculating overall congregation growth and donation trends (page 17 of manual).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have recognized that the results would be predictable when modifying the invention of Adams et al. to include the features of

Churchgrowthsoftware.com in order to give reasonable and reliable construction financing quotes based on forecasted receipts from the growth trend study and giving analysis.

Adams et al. in view of Christianitytoday.com, and further in view of Hertzelszabadi., and still in further view of Churchgrowthsoftware.com does not explicitly disclose wherein the future growth is determined using at least one growth estimate, wherein the growth estimate uses a past growth rate of the church and a potential growth rate of the church.

Rifaat discloses the type of project, whether it is for a house, a school, or a hospital impacts the complexity of activities and effort required to complete the project. Such projects may cover a whole range of complexity. Larger projects of the same type are usually more complex and require more effort to complete ([0023]). Rifaat further discloses expansion of the span of time covered by a study is next considered. The collection of historical data, and their analysis, can be extended backward to cover past conditions starting from the time of initial inception of human settlement in the area of study, or even to earlier pristine conditions. This usually provides 'insights' that could be 'used' in conceiving schemes for future development. Also, the planning horizon may be extended forward in time beyond 20 years. Although prediction tends to be 'more tenuous' for 'longer' periods of time in the future, the exercise of projecting prevailing trends can be used to 'highlight' potential 'problems'. For example one could project population growth for the next 50 years at a certain prevailing rate, although the rate is not expected to continue that long. This is

often done in order to illustrate the potential 'adverse' conditions that might materialize if the particular rate of growth continued ([0050]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Adams et al. to include the ability of projecting a potential growth rate by studying growth before implementing a future development.

As per claims 3-4 and 26-27, Adams et al. disclose discloses the method of Claim 1, but does not explicitly disclose wherein determining the cost associated with at least one of the facilities-comprises: identifying a size of at least one of the facilities based on the estimated future growth in attendance predicted number of people; determining a cost of at least one of the construction projects based on the identified size; and wherein identifying the size of the at least one facility comprises identifying a plurality of sizes for the at least one facility ..

However, Christianitytoday.com discloses a new sanctuary should seat twice the number of people in your current building (Page 1); a formula used to compute the size of a church complex; and spreading the calculations throughout the sanctuary, meeting rooms, nurseries, and educational space of your church complex (page 2); and form a committee to decide how much money can be raised for the building project and bring those recommendations to the finance committee, which then can put together a financial package that takes into account current and projected debt levels, income from fundraising efforts and loan packages, and makes its own recommendation about the church's financial limitations (Page 4).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Adams et al. to include the features of Christianitytoday.com in order to determine how large a new facility should be built and the funds needed for the construction.

As per claim 5, Adams et al. disclose the method of claim 1, wherein identifying the plurality of facilities comprises receiving an identification the facilities from a user (abstract).

As per claim 9, Adams et al. disclose the method of claim 8, further comprising: identifying an amount borrowing needed pay for the construction projects (col. 2, lines 51-56); and identifying an amount of debt to be paid off each year (col. 3, lines 26- 36).

As per claim 22 and 24, Adams et al. disclose a system, comprising:
memory operable to store information identifying a plurality of facilities in a complex, each facility associated with a construction project (col. 1, lines 41-44; col. 3, lines 38-57); and an analysis module operable to:
determining a potential revenue associated with at least one of the facilities (col. 1, lines 41-44; col. 3, lines 38-57);
determining a cost associated with at least one of the facilities (col. 3, lines 2-19); and wherein the processor is configured to output the results of the previous steps onto a computer readable medium (col. 4, lines 32-47).

Adams et al. is silent about a computer program embodied on a computer readable medium, however, this feature is deemed to be inherent in the Adams et al. invention in order to run the STAFI system.

Adams et al. does not expressly disclose wherein the complex comprises a church and at least one of the facilities comprises an auditorium of the church.

Christianitytoday.com discloses a new sanctuary should seat twice the number of people in your current building (Page 1) {Which the Examiner interprets as estimating growth will be at least twice the number of current people attending church services} ; a formula used to compute the size of a church complex; and spreading the calculations throughout the sanctuary, meeting rooms, nurseries, and educational space of your church complex (page 2); and form a committee to decide how much money can be raised for the building project and bring those recommendations to the finance committee, which then can put together a financial package that takes into account current and projected debt levels, income from fundraising efforts and loan packages, and makes its own recommendation about the church's financial limitations (Page 4).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have recognized that the results would be predictable when modifying the invention of Adams et al. to include the features of Christianitytoday.com in order to give reasonable and reliable construction financing quotes based on forecasted receipts from the growth trend study and giving analysis.

Adams et al., in view of christianitytoday.com does not explicitly disclose generating a schedule of the construction projects using the identified potential revenue

and the identified cost. Hertz-Szabadi discloses that the project structure with phases (work breakdown structure elements) and the necessary activities (tasks) have to be defined and costs and potential revenues have to be calculated, timelines to be scheduled and probably personnel and other resources soft-booked, in order to be able to do reasonable and reliable quotations that can be fulfilled in case they are accepted by the customer (paragraph [0003]); and the planning of structures, costs, revenues, resources, timeliness etc. can and will normally be refined and detailed during the life cycle of the project 105 (paragraph [0028]). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have recognized that the results would be predictable when modifying the invention of Adams et al. to include the features of Hertz-Szabadi in order to give reasonable and reliable construction financing quotes based on forecasted receipts from the growth trend study and giving analysis.

Adams et al. in view of christianitytoday.com, and further in view of Hertz-Szabadi does not explicitly disclose estimating an amount of donations given to the church during a future time period wherein the estimated amount of donations is based at least in part on the estimated future growth in the number of people attending the church services.

Churchgrowthsoftware.com. discloses software for calculating overall congregation growth and donation trends (page 17 of manual).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have recognized that the results would be

predictable when modifying the invention of Adams et al. to include the features of Churchgrowthsoftware.com in order to give reasonable and reliable construction financing quotes based on forecasted receipts from the growth trend study and giving analysis.

Adams et al. in view of Christianitytoday.com, and further in view of Hertzelszabadi., and still in further view of Churchgrowthsoftware.com does not explicitly disclose wherein the future growth is determined using at least one growth estimate, wherein the growth estimate uses a past growth rate of the church and a potential growth rate of the church.

Rifaat discloses the type of project, whether it is for a house, a school, or a hospital impacts the complexity of activities and effort required to complete the project. Such projects may cover a whole range of complexity. Larger projects of the same type are usually more complex and require more effort to complete ([0023]). Rifaat further discloses expansion of the span of time covered by a study is next considered. The collection of historical data, and their analysis, can be extended backward to cover past conditions starting from the time of initial inceptions of human settlement in the area of study, or even to earlier pristine conditions. This usually provides 'insights' that could be 'used' in conceiving schemes for future development. Also, the planning horizon may be extended forward in time beyond 20 years. Although prediction tends to be 'more tenuous' for 'longer' periods of time in the future, the exercise of projecting prevailing trends can be used to 'highlight' potential 'problems'. For example one could project population growth for the next 50 years at a

certain prevailing rate, although the rate is not expected to continue that long. This is often done in order to illustrate the potential `adverse` conditions that might materialize if the particular rate of growth continued ([0050]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Adams et al. to include the ability of projecting a potential growth rate by studying growth before implementing a future development.

As per claim 34, Adams et al. do not expressly disclose estimating the future growth in the number of people attending the church services comprises: limiting a future growth prediction to no more than a specified percentage during a portion of one or more of the phases; and enforcing a different maximum growth rate for the future growth prediction during other times.

Churchgrowthsoftware.com discloses custom report generation (page 1). Churchgrowthsoftware.com further discloses software for calculating overall congregation growth and donation trends (page 17 of manual); and software is licensed by the number of individual names stored in the CGS database (page 3) {which the Examiner interprets as limiting the future growth potential to no more than the number of names that can be stored }. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Adams et al. to include the features of Hertz-Szabadi, Christianitytoday.com, and

Churchgrowthsoftware.com in order to give reasonable and reliable quotations based on donations forecasted from growth trend studies and giving analyses performed.

2. Claims 6-7, 10, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adams et al. (US 6,154,730), in view of Christianitytoday.com, still in further view of Hertz-Szabadi (US PG Pub. 2003/0233267), still in further view of Churchgrowthsoftware.com., as applied to claims 1 and 15 above, and further in view of Elliot (US 6,446,053).

As per claims 6-7 and 17, Adams et al. discloses the method of claim 1 above, but does not specifically disclose generating the schedule comprises, for each construction project, receiving from a user an identification of one of a plurality of phases during which the construction project would occur; and wherein the estimated amount of donations is determined based at least in part on completion of each phase.

However, Elliot discloses that the user computer organizes these time estimates according to the proper order in a construction project, for example, framing (Phase 5) must be completed before other phases can commence, however, some of the following phases can commence simultaneously, such as plumbing and framing (col. 10, lines 34-39; TABLE 1); and after Phase 1 is complete, the application guides the user through the next phase, Phase 2: Begin Site Work in 120 and 122 and in Step 1: Excavation, the application retrieves the square footage of the lot from memory, accesses the regional database, determines average labor rate for excavation subcontractors in that region, determines equipment costs for excavation in that region, and then calculates an

estimate for the excavation step, wherein the equipment costs may include rental, fuel, and insurance costs (col. 8, lines 32-44).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Adams et al. to include the feature of Elliot in order to provide the user with a cost associated with a phase of the construction.

As per claim 10, Adams et al. does not disclose receiving alterations of data used from a user to generate the schedule; and showing the user real time how the changes in the altered data affect the schedule.

However, Elliot discloses that if the user is not satisfied with the cost of the installation, the user can undo the operation and simulate another installation; and if the user is satisfied with the installation, the user computer moves on to the next step, updating and storing the revised graphical model and cost estimate model (col. 6, lines 38-48); and if any feature of the proposal is unsatisfactory, the user can revise the proposal at 126, wherein the user selects the phases and steps he wishes to edit at 128 and edits the proposal at those points (col. 10, lines 40-46).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Adams et al. to include the features of Elliot in order to provide the user with the ability to make changes to the construction plans.

3. Claims 11, 19, 23 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adams et al. (US 6,154,730), in view of Christianitytoday.com, in further view of Hertz-Szabadi (US PG Pub. 2003/0233267), still in further view of Churchgrowthsoftware.com. as applied to claims 1, 15, and 22 above, and further in view of view of Gordon (US PG Pub. 2002/0099725); still in further view of Wakelam (US 6,859,768).

As per claims 11, 19, 23, and 29, Adams et al. do not disclose receiving a constraint on data used to generate the schedule from a user.

However, Gordon discloses the system 10 may further include at least one interactive module 22 that allows the master customer to fill out a profile, on-line, regarding demographic information, financial constraints, and other personnel preferences, such as overall style preference, color preference and others. Based on the input information, the interactive module provides a list of suitable choices, selections or suggestions.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Adams et al. to include the feature of Gordon for the purpose of permitting the user to apply different scenarios to schedules.

Adams et al. in view of Gordon, does not specifically disclose and showing the user in real time how at least one change in the altered data and constraint affects the schedule.

Wakelam et al. disclose that the Interview massing element 201 gathers some basic information regarding the project and allows the user to change some high-level parameters of the building design and then controls the assembly hierarchy to produce a full-scale, three-dimensional model of the building, complete with drawings, specifications cost estimation, and schedule (col. 13, lines 34-50; FIG. 1-1a).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Adams et al. to include the features of Wakelam et al. in order to provide the user to use what-if scenarios to get a variety of estimates for cost and completion dates.

4. Claims 12, 32 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adams et al. (US 6,154,730), in view of Christianitytoday.com, in further view of Hertzelszabadi (US PG Pub. 2003/0233267), still in further view of Churchgrowthsoftware.com as applied to claims 1, 15, and 22 above, and still in further view of "How Much Can They Give."

As per claims 12, 32, and 33, Adams et al. does not disclose the estimated amount of donations is determined using a factor defining, a rate at which one of a plurality of newer members of the church generally donate compared to the rate of one of a plurality of older members of the church.

However, Churchgrowthsoftware.com. discloses software for calculating overall congregation growth and donation trends (page 17 of manual).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Adams et al. to include the feature of Churchgrowthsoftware.com in order to give reasonable and reliable quotations based on donations forecasted from growth trend studies and giving analyses performed.

Adams et al. in view of Churchgrowthsoftware.com does not specifically disclose defining a rate at which the newer members of the church generally donate compared to older members of the church.

"How much Can They Give" discloses churches with older members often raise more funds for a special project because seniors have disposable income (page 2, 3rd ¶).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Adams et al. to include the features of "How Much Can They Give" in order to provide and analysis of giving trends amongst members for feasibility studies.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

1) Odom et al., "Environment, Planning Processes, and Organizational Performance of Churches", Mar-Apr, 1988), Strategic Management Journal, Vol. 9, No. 2, pp. 197-205.

2) Iannaccone et al., "Religious resources and church growth", December 1995, Social Forces, 38 pgs.

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Freda A. Nelson whose telephone number is (571) 272-7076. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Hayes can be reached on 571-272-6708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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